

FISCAL NOTE

HB 4147 - SB 4184

March 5, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Imposes a \$100 drug testing fee to be assessed upon conviction of a violation of the Tennessee Drug Control Act. Such fees shall be collected by the court clerks and forwarded to the State Treasurer monthly and designated for use by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). Creates the TBI Drug Chemistry Unit Testing Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain available for appropriation to the TBI to fund a forensic scientist position in each of the three bureau crime laboratories, to employ forensic scientists to fill such positions and to purchase, maintain and upgrade equipment as necessary.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenue – \$520,300/TBI Drug Chemistry Unit
Testing Fund**
**Increase State Expenditures - \$520,300/TBI Drug Chemistry
Unit Testing Fund**
\$30,400/One-Time/General Fund

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

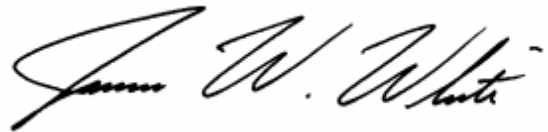
Assumptions:

- According to TBI statistics, there were approximately 36,000 arrests for drug-related offenses in 2006. The increase in state revenue would depend on the number of convictions. According to TBI, sufficient revenue will be generated from the \$100 fee to fund the costs of the bill attributed to the TBI Drug Chemistry Unit Testing Fund.
- According to the TBI, recurring expenditures of \$520,279 include salaries of \$148,299 (\$49,433 x 3) plus benefits of \$50,880 (\$16,960 x 3), equipment (\$250,000), vehicle (\$18,800) and various other related operating expenses (\$52,300).
- The Department of Revenue will incur a one-time computer programming cost of \$30,400. This cost will be funded from the general fund and not the TBI Drug Chemistry Unit Testing Fund.

- Any cost associated with depositing the drug testing fees from the court clerks can be accommodated within the existing resources of the State Treasurer without an increased appropriation.
- According to the Comptroller of the Treasury, there would be a one-time programming cost to revise the clerks' software to provide for the collection of the drug testing fee. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources of the local governments.
- According to the TBI, the Bureau does not anticipate receiving any federal funds as a result of this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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